

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
November 4, 2013

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members were present.  
There was no recording device available for this meeting.

MIAMI SEWER DISTRICT

Becky Hodson, Danny Hodson and Dave Hanby came before the Board with information from Area 5 regarding applying for grants to help those people in Miami who can't afford the hook up charges.

The Board of Commissioners has an appointment to the Miami Sewer District Board that will expire December 31<sup>st</sup> and does not want to be reappointed. Mrs. Hodson would like to recommend Dave Hanby be appointed.

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Cliff Gardner wanted to inform the Board that he was letting a part time person go for documented reasons.

CLERK

The Clerk came before the Board to inform them that she has an employee on maternity leave and one that is retiring the end of December. She would like to hire the replacement for the employee who is retiring by December 2<sup>nd</sup> so she can get them trained and ready to step up by the end of the year. Commissioner West made a motion to allow her to hire the replacement as of December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the minutes from October 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen turned in LPA claims 2 & 4 to be signed by the Chairman of the Commissioners. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the claims. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen also discussed the Bridge Inspection exit information with the Board.

PARKING BY OLD JAIL

The City granted the County 3 parking places on the South side of 5<sup>th</sup> street from Court Street to Wabash. Commissioner Hamman will have the Immunization sign moved from the Courthouse to the front of the old jail.

IT

The Courts are requesting new microphones in the courtrooms. John Evans said that most of the problem is being able to hear Probation staff when playing the recording back. Commissioner West made a motion to allow the purchase and the courts are paying for it. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Evans also brought information regarding a separate recording device for Commissioners meetings. Commissioner West made a motion to take under advisement. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Evans informed the Board that there has been a recall on certain power strips and he is working on replacing them.

There was discussion regarding Mr. Evans having AT&T check phone lines that we are paying for but not using. Commissioner West made a motion to allow Mr. Evans to have AT&T come and check those lines out. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks brought in an award he received from the International Association of Emergency Management. The Board congratulated him and thanked him for his hard work.

Mr. Marks also received a thank you letter from the City of Peru Police Department for the job he and his volunteers do.

Mr. Marks discussed his budget with the Board. The group decided to cut \$600 from supplies and \$200 from volunteer insurance.

CASA

Kurt Kiefer discussed his budget with the Board. Currently there is only his salary and the salary of his assistant in his budget. Everything else comes from his other fund. Mr. Kiefer said he could do that for another two or 3 years and be ok.

OLD JAIL

Commissioner Hamman stated that the work is progressing nicely and that he was also able to find a space that the Commissioners could use as an office to keep their stuff so they don't have to carry things back and forth.

Commissioner Hamman presented a bill from Mosiers for carpet. Commissioner West made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

MAXIMUS CONTRACT/COURTS

Maximus cannot find the signed contract for work being done for the Courts therefore Commissioner Hamman made a motion to sign another contract (same). Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

PROBATION

Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer, met with the Commissioners to discuss her budgets. Ms. Rice explained to the Board that for the last several years she has moved items into her other funds to help out the budgets and now those funds are very low. She is concerned because she will need new computers, monitors, and chairs for her staff. Her equipment and furniture are very old because of budget restraints. Commissioner Francis asked to make a list of her concerns.

Commissioner West asked her how she measures what her department does. Ms. Rice stated to her it is if the person can complete their probation period but different people have different ideas and there really is not a good way to measure.

INSURANCE

Bill Summers would like one of the Commissioners to walk through the buildings with him. Commissioner Francis will contact him.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Joshua Francis**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Larry West**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Jerry Hamman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor  
**Jane Lilley**